



Agriculture Across Ohio

Ohio March Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Ohio farmers for the full month of March 2015 are listed in the table below.

Some Ohio highlights were: March corn, at \$3.93 per bushel, decreased \$0.02 from February and decreased \$0.64 from last year; March soybeans, at \$10.10 per bushel, decreased \$0.20 from last month and decreased \$4.00 from last year; March wheat, at \$5.29 per bushel, decreased \$0.18 from February and decreased \$1.09 from last year; March milk at \$17.50 per cwt., decreased \$0.30 from last month, and decreased \$8.20 from last year.

The March Prices Received Index (Agricultural Production), at 102, based on 2011=100, increased 3 points (3.0 percent) from February. At 86, the March Crop Production Index is up 1 point (1.2 percent). At 117, the Livestock Production Index increased 3 points (2.6 percent). Producers received higher prices for broilers, eggs, cattle, and oranges but lower prices for milk, wheat, soybeans, and apples. In addition to prices, the indexes are impacted by the five-year average monthly mix of commodities producers market. Increased monthly movement of cattle, strawberries, calves, and milk offset the decreased marketing of cotton, soybeans, and hay.

The Prices Received Index is down 9 points (8.1 percent) from March 2014. The Food Commodities Index, at 110, increased 3 points (2.8 percent) from the previous month but decreased 12 points (9.8 percent) from March 2014.

USDA Surveys to Provide Insight on 2015 Agriculture

A sample of Ohio farm operators will have an opportunity to provide farm information during the upcoming June Agricultural Survey period. These surveys are among the largest and most important conducted by the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office and they serve as a primary source of agricultural information. These surveys will provide accurate and reliable data about 2015 planted acreages of major crops, grain stocks, and livestock in Ohio and the U.S.

Producers rely on the survey results to make valid production, marketing, and investment decisions. Congress uses the information to design better regulations and farm programs. Industry analysts, extension agents, farm organizations, and agricultural lenders use the data in a variety of ways to directly benefit the grower.

Growers across Ohio will be contacted during the coming weeks to obtain data regarding their operations. This data will be collected by mail, phone, and personal interviews. Growers will also be given the opportunity to report on the Internet. All survey responses are protected by law and remain strictly confidential. Information from individual operations will not be disclosed but will be combined with others to make reliable state, regional, and national estimates.

Results will be released soon after the survey is complete. The Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Report will be released on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. and the Acreage and Grain Stocks Reports will be released on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. A copy of survey results can be obtained at www.nass.usda.gov or by calling the Great Lakes Regional Field Office at 1-800-453-7501.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, March 2015

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Mar 2014	Feb 2015	Mar 2015	Mar 2014	Feb 2015	Mar 2015
Corn dollars/bu	4.57	3.95	3.93	4.52	3.79	3.81
Hay, alfalfa dollars/ton	185.00	175.00	180.00	193.00	172.00	172.00
Hay, other dollars/ton	140.00	120.00	110.00	142.00	127.00	136.00
Soybeans dollars/bu	14.10	10.30	10.10	13.70	9.92	9.84
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	6.38	5.47	5.29	6.92	5.70	5.55
Milk, all dollars/cwt	25.70	17.80	17.50	25.10	16.80	16.60

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

Meat Animal Cash Receipts

Ohio cattle and calves cash receipts totaled \$654.7 million in 2014, up 32 percent from 2013. Cattle and calf marketings totaled 437.5 million pounds, up 2 percent from 2013.

Ohio hog cash receipts totaled \$817.3 million in 2014, up 9 percent from 2013. All hog and pig marketings totaled 1.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2013.

Nationally, Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased 20 percent from \$67.5 billion in 2013 to \$81.3 billion in 2014. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 52.1 billion pounds in 2014, down 5 percent from 2013.

Nationally, Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$26.4 billion during 2014, up 11 percent from 2013. Marketings totaled 33.0 billion pounds in 2014, down 3 percent from 2013.

Ohio livestock marketing and receipts, 2013-2014

Item	2013	2014	Change
	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Marketings			
Cattle and calves	427,860	437,520	2
Hogs and pigs	1,088,057	1,066,339	-2
	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	
Cash receipts			
Cattle and calves	496,213	654,667	32
Hogs and pigs	747,343	817,316	9

March Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 468 million pounds of milk during March, up 1.7 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 56.3 pounds, up 0.5 pound from March 2014. The dairy herd was estimated at 268,000 head for March, up 2,000 head from a year earlier.

Ohio Dairy Summary, March 2015

Item	2013	2014	2015
Cows	1,000 Hd	(²)	266
Milk per cow	Lb/day	(²)	55.8
Production	Mil lbs	481	460
Milk price, all	Dol/cwt	20.30	25.70
Fat test	Pct	3.92	3.87
Protein ¹	Pct	3.15	3.15

¹ FMO 33

² Due to sequestration, only total milk production was published.

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 31.1 million during March, up 3 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 759 million eggs, up 2 percent from last year. The rate of lay during March was 2,438 eggs per 100 layers. On April 1, in the East North Central Region, which includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, there were 10.7 million egg-type eggs in incubators, up 6 percent from a year earlier. In the same region, there were 14.3 million broiler-type eggs in incubators, up 2 percent from the previous year. There were 24.2 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in March, up 8 percent from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production, March 2015

Item	Unit	2014	2015	Percent Change
Ohio				
All layers	Thou	30,085	31,137	3
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,463	2,438	-1
Eggs produced	Mil	741	759	2
East North Central Region				
Eggs in incubators, Apr 1				
Egg-type	Thou	10,139	10,709	6
Broiler type	Thou	14,000	14,312	2
U.S.				
All Layers	Thou	359,955	361,830	1
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,342	2,358	1
Eggs produced	Mil	8,430	8,533	1
Turkey Eggs in incubators, Apr 1	Thou	27,195	28,627	5
Turkey Poults hatched, Mar	Thou	22,380	24,152	8

Ohio Wheat Forecast and May 1 Hay Stocks

Winter wheat production is expected to decline this year with a lower expected statewide yield. Ohio wheat growers expect to harvest 530,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 37.1 million bushels. The yield forecast of 70 bushels would be 4 bushels below the previous year.

National winter wheat production is forecast at 1.47 billion bushels, up 7 percent from 2014. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 43.5 bushels per acre, up 0.9 bushel from last year.

Hay stocks on Ohio farms on May 1, 2015 were 430,000 tons, up 56% from this time last year. The difference from the previous year is larger than it was on December 1, 2014.

All hay stored on United States farms May 1, 2015 totaled 24.5 million tons, up 28 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2014 - May 1, 2015 totaled 67.5 million tons, compared with 70.1 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

Crop Summary, May 2015

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Wheat, winter						
Planted 1,000 acres	660	620	550	43,230	42,399	40,751
Harvested 1,000 acres	640	545	530	32,650	32,304	33,838
Yield Bushels	70.0	74.0	70.0	47.3	42.6	43.5
Production 1,000 bu	44,800	40,330	37,100	1,542,902	1,377,526	1,471,802

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